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The Times has received from Mayor R. G. Rhett, of Charleston, a letter in regard to an article published in these columns last week entitled "Charleston the Unhealthiest City." Our information in the matter was gained through a despatch sent out from Washington and published in a number of daily papers. The despatch told of the issuance by the census bureau of bulletin No. 15, entitled "The Discussion of the Vital Statistics of the Twelfth Census," in which was given the yearly death rate per 1,000 population of the larger cities of the country. According to the bulletin, the death rate of Charleston was larger than that of any other city, the figures given for the total population being 37.5 per 1,000, and of the white population 25.6. These figures, according to Mayor Rhett's letter, are enormously erroneous, as are also those published concerning the city of Savannah. "The actual number of deaths as will be found in our year book for 1900," says Mayor Rhett, "is 481 whites and 1,242 blacks, or a total of 1,726. This would make the death rate per one thousand of population 30.9, and for white population 19.96—a very decided difference."

The Times' article of last week was published as a matter of news, with no intention of doing an injustice to the city of Charleston, and it is with pleasure that we present to our readers this week the correct figures as taken from the official record of the city.

The way of the transgressor is hard, was demonstrated in New York, when the son of Cyrus W. Field, of Atlantic cable fame, was hauled up before a magistrate charged with stealing an overcoat. The young man was left a fortune by his father, but being "a jolly good fellow" with a host of friends (?) he ran through his money, friends deserted him, strong drink had fastened its grip upon him, and he became a tramp. When put in jail he said "these meals are a God send." Poor fellow, wealth, society and everything to make a man happy was his portion, but whiskey, at first was his pleasure, it gave him and his friends joy, then the monster turned and his cup of joy was converted into one of wretchedness and gall. In his prosperity he had companions, but when in the mire of degradation these companions knew him not, and past him by as they would another vagrant. This is only one instance in thousands, and yet there are young men, possessed of mental faculties who know the awful consequences of whiskey, do not seem to take warning, but go right on defying the horrid monster.

It is fearful to contemplate the number of young men whose loved ones are devoted to them, that do not consider for a moment the headache their conduct brings. How many fond mothers lay awake in their beds wondering "where is my boy tonight?" while the thoughtless one may be at the moment inebriated in Jamaica Ginger, Panama or whiskey, having a hilarious time, never thinking of the awful consequences to health and character. The fate young Field should be an object lesson to young men all over the land.—Ex.

People who read the papers from the cities and towns can not help but reach the conclusion that the citizenship of South Carolina is in a more prosperous condition than at any other time since the war. One can scarcely pick up a news paper without noticing the erection of new homes, manufacturing and mercantile enterprises etc; little hamlets are springing up all over State, and former villages are assuming the proportion and airs of prosperous towns. All this speaks well for the future of the State, and people who want to buy farm lands or a home in town while the same is cheap, and where the country is steadily improving, should lose no time in locating in the Palmetto State.

Yorkville's New Paper.

The New Era, Yorkville's new newspaper came to hand Saturday. The paper is a six-column, four-page sheet, well gotten up, neat and newsy. The paper is edited and published Saturdays by Mr. E. G. Sandifer, a newspaper man of ability who up to a short while ago did very creditable work on one of the State's largest dailies. The initial number of the paper contains a good lot of local and editorial writings, and the publisher should feel proud of the large amount of home advertising carried in his first issue. The New Era is a worthy addition to York's list of papers, and The Times extends a cordial welcome to its exchange list.

Catawba Power Company Rejects Board's Proposition.

The board of county commissioners has received a letter from the Catawba Power Company, stating the company's unwillingness to accept the board's proposition concerning the Allison Creek bridge, says the Rock Hill Record. It will be remembered that the old bridge was rendered useless on account of its being constantly submerged by water from the company's dam. The commissioners sought to enter into an arrangement with the Catawba Power Company by which a modern steel structure could be erected to take the place of the old bridge.

The Catawba Power people have refused to accede to this proposition as they regard it as unfair to them. They were required to pay \$3,500 towards the cost of the bridge, which was to cost only \$4,000, and they regard the appointment as unjust. It is very likely the matter will be taken into court.

The Country Paper.

The weekly country newspaper as an institution is, by no means declining. If one may judge by the evidence of the recent newspaper directories, it never flourished so much as at present. It has a character of its own. Its place cannot be filled by any metropolitan publication. It is the intimate friend of its constituents. Its angle of vision is that of its own community, and this it truly reflects. Broad questions—state, national, international—it presents and considers as a part of its work of information, but these are subordinate to its own peculiar mission. The uprising in the Balkans, the breach in the British Ministry, the scandals of the postal service at Washington, are dwarfed in actual, present importance by the washout on the State road or the project for a new trolley connection. And these, indeed, are the real living concerns of local life. It is the home matters that make up existence, and with these the country newspaper deals.

We do not sufficiently recognize, perhaps, how great an influence for the preservation of that spirit of local self-government, which is the foundation of our institutions, the country press has been and is today. It is unquestionably a power and retains this influence because of the sturdy honesty of the country editor. The country press is the ideal of independence. It is, as a rule, unpurchasable and incorruptible.

The country newspaper has its place from which nothing can dislodge it—no quick delivery of metropolitan dailies, no fascinating pictorials. And we are glad to see indications of the growth and prosperity of this product and aid of local enterprise and local pride.

Aaron Williams Respitied.

Gov. Heyward has granted a respite to Aaron Williams of Kershaw, who was to be hanged Friday for criminal assault upon a Mrs. Langley. This action is based upon the representation of reputable citizens that Mrs. Langley was as guilty as the negro, and in accordance with the law as to "after discovered evidence." Rev. W. B. Gordon, rector of the Episcopal Church, and Mr. L. C. Boykin, a penitentiary director are among those who interest themselves in the behalf of the condemned man and secured affidavits. The respite is to give time for a full showing.

LETTER TO T. B. BELK.

Dear Sir: Three gallons saved is \$12 to \$15 earned.
Mr. Hanford Platt of Bridgeport, Conn. ordered 15 gallons Devco to paint his house, and returned three gallons. His painter said it would take 15; a lead and oil painter.
Hubbell & Wade Co. sold it. They say every body has the same experience there.
The reason is, of course: they are used to poor paint.
What is poor paint? Anything not Devco: some worse than others.
Besides, paints wear about as they cover. Double the \$12 to \$15.
Yours truly
F. W. Devco & Co.
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Homicides in York County.

The Charleston News and Courier of October 23, contained an interesting article on the number and nature of the homicides committed in several counties in the upper part of the State for the past ten months, the following having taken place in York County:

On April 1 James Mason, an albino, shot and killed Rufus Coulter, colored. Mason was arrested and committed to jail, where he subsequently died of pneumonia.
On April 27 James McMakin, colored, shot and killed Jake Fronebarger, also colored. McMakin surrendered to sheriff. Has not been tried and is now out on bond.

On April 27 J. A. Eubanks, white, and a policeman at Rock Hill, shot and killed Spencer Doster, colored. Trial pending. Eubanks out on bond.

On May 7 W. E. Deaton, white shot and killed J. Lowry Patterson, white, was tried at July term of court, convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment in penitentiary.

On July 23 John Grier, colored, shot and killed Robert Smith, colored. Grier escaped and has not yet been arrested.

On June 2 Smith Feemster, colored, shot and killed Sam Sanders, colored. Feemster was tried at July term of court and acquitted.

On July 11 John Pugh, white, shot and killed his brother, Jake Pugh. Coroner's jury rendered verdict of accidental killing.

On August 25 S. L. A. Smith, white, shot and killed Andy McNeel, colored. Coroner's jury rendered verdict of justifiable homicide.

On October 2 Frazier Simpson colored shot and killed Paul Sanders, colored. Simpson now in jail awaiting trial.

October 23 Monroe Jones, colored, shot and killed Jake Dunlap, colored. Coroner's jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide.

October 3 James Thompson, colored, shot and killed Isiah Jeter, colored. Thompson escaped. This is a case apparently cold blooded and premeditated. The Governor has offered a reward of \$150 for the fugitive.

Sweeping statements do not keep a campaign clean.

A Western city has made a rule that its policemen must have sound teeth. They expect their teeth to bite as well as bark.

Little King Alfonso of Spain refuses to give more than eight hours per day to his royal duties. Alfonso is eligible to membership in any of our trades-unions now.

It is a big thing for England and Russia that their recent quarrel was settled by the big guns of The Hague instead of the big guns of their navies.

A Dayton, Ohio woman is suing her husband because he gave her only one dress in sixteen years. Some women don't seem to appreciate economical husbands no how.

Grover Cleveland and Henry van Dyke have postponed their fishing trip until the Baltic fleet is docked.

Carrie Nation's daughter has been sent to an insane asylum. They undoubtedly took the wrong member of the family.

It is to be hoped that the armored cruiser West Virginia will not be as "doubtful" as the State from which it took its name.

The code of ethics of the automobile fraternity is improving. It is now considered proper to haul the victim to the hospital after you have run over him.

A European correspondent says England holds the key to Tibet, and she does not expect to give Russia a chance to change the lock, either.

In the division of household goods in Alabama a jury decided that a pretty wife's kiss was of equal value with a \$10 stove. We take off our hats to Southern gallantry.

A resident of Broadway street New York is making it a business to teach men how to become beggars. Wall street has all along been the best place for that sort of schooling.

As a consoling thought for the losers, we will state that the mince pies are now ripe.

The general election yesterday passed off as quietly as a cool summer breeze.

The Downfall of Daniel J. Sully.

The morning of March 18, 1904, broke crisp and bracing. Sully got up early, feeling that the fine weather portended good. He had taken on new physical vigor over night. Intuition told him that this was the day for the big fight. As he left his house to walk to the Astoria a telegraph-boy handed him an envelope. He tore it open with strangely nervous fingers, then smiled—Liverpool was firmer. Surely the census bureau report would be out today. That would help pull him through. He quickened his pace to keep time with his thoughts. Reminiscences forced themselves upon him, when he would have devoted his mind to the fight; for it was on now—the exchange work was the only manifestation of it.

When he reached his office it was crowded with customers. They too, had felt that something ominous was hanging in the air. Sully's unusually early appearance lent substance to their fears. They assailed him with questions.

Splendidly imperturbable he answered one and all alike, "I am going to buy."

The opening of the board was much the same as that the day before. Sully bought desperately all through the morning, but at one o'clock his resources were exhausted. He could buy no more. He had loaded up with three hundred and thirty thousand bales on a rising market. He ceased buying. An ominous roar greeted the act. The infuriated men were at him again. The world had been passed. Sully was alone. Snarling, they edged one another aside to thrust their faces through and hiss their offers at the great Bull. But Sully was silent. They had sold him to a standstill. There was a pause. They held off for a moment. Then one bolder than the rest offered cotton down—no taker. Another block was hurled on the market, then another, a stream, a flood. Prices tumbled forty points in as many seconds. Sully saw his great fortune shrink six hundred and sixty thousand dollars in two thirds of a minute. Pandemonium was come—and in it the gavel fell. And silence, and then the chairman announced the suspension of D. J. Sully and company.

That was two o'clock. Between that time and fourteen minutes past cotton had dropped nine dollars a bale. Sully's losses in less than a quarter of an hour were two million nine hundred and seventy thousand dollars.—November Woman's Home Companion.

What Causes the Wrecks.

A reason for the train wrecks which are now of almost daily occurrence, says the New York Times, is found in the fact that the railroad companies do not enforce their own rules and are kindly blind to infraction thereof which do not involve disaster. As a matter of fact, the rules of many railroads relative to train operations are not intended to be enforced at all, and have practically no other object than to aid the company in evading responsibility in the event of disaster. A great deal is left to the "discretion" of the conductor or engineer who has the good luck to take chances to escape the normal consequences of so doing. If a man brings his train in safely and on time he is not likely to be held very strictly accountable if to do so he has had to break every rule in the code. He might of course, be too reckless and so destroy confidence in his judgement, but a certain amount of recklessness is a valuable asset for a railroad man. On the other hand, one too cautious, who should in every instance be governed by the letter of the rules established for his government, would quickly come to be regarded as impossible. He would be very likely to throw into hopeless confusion every part of a system which is purposely kept measurably elastic, and would lose his job as the result of doing his duty too well.

Perhaps one of the most interesting sights which the world's fair at St. Louis has furnished was the ascent, a few days ago, of the Baldwin airship, under the charge of Roy Knabenshue, of Toledo. The first attempt of the vessel, if such it can be called, was a failure, it only rising to the height of about 100 feet then dropping to the ground and breaking the rudder. On the second trial, however, the aeronaut was more successful. The vessel rose rapidly, evenly to a height of about 2,000 feet and was navigated in every direction, the ship being entirely under control. Wind and weather were propitious for the flight, the day being clear and only a slight southerly breeze prevailing.

An important decision rendered by the supreme court a few days ago is to the effect that an arrest for misdemeanor cannot be made by a police officer unless the alleged crime should be committed within the sight of the officer or unless there should be circumstances showing that there is an emergency justifying the arrest without warrant.

Disastrous Wrecks.

Carelessness is responsible for many a railway wreck and the same causes are making human wrecks from sufferers of Throat and Lung troubles. But since the advent of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds even the worst cases can be cured, and hopeless resignation is no longer necessary. Mrs. Lois Cragg, of Dorchester, Mass., is one of many whose life was saved by Dr. King's New Discovery. This great remedy is guaranteed for all Throat and Lung diseases by all druggists. Price 50c, \$1. Trial bottles free.

Terrific fighting for six days before Port Arthur is reported. The Japanese are said to have lost 14,000 men. The Russian loss is not known. The stronghold is said to be doomed, however, as the Japanese occupy positions which place the east side of the town at their mercy.

Not a Sick Day Since.

"I was taken very sick with kidney trouble. I tried all sorts of medicines, none of which relieved me. One day I saw an ad. of your Electric Bitters and determined to try that. After taking a few doses I felt relieved, and soon thereafter was entirely cured, and have not seen a sick day since. Neighbors of mine have been cured of Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Liver and Kidney troubles and General Debility." This is what E. F. Bass, of Fremont, N. C. writes. Only 50c at all drug stores.

The work of the jury that was appointed to investigate the death of John Morrison in Lancaster County has been completed. The members working in conjunction with the coroner were unable to discover any evidence that tended to reveal the identity of the lynchers, and the affair must hence remain a mystery.

A Runaway Bicycle.

Terminated with an ugly cut on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. It developed a stubborn ulcer unyielding to doctors and remedies for four years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured. It's just as good for Burns, Scalds, Skin eruptions, and Piles. 25c, at all drug stores.

The Conference for Education in the South will meet in Columbia next April. This intelligence was recently transmitted to Supt. Martin by Secretary Edgar Murphy. The association numbers among its members many men of national prominence, and South Carolina is to be congratulated upon being permitted to entertain them.

Doesn't Respect Old Age.

It's shameful when youth fails to show proper respect for old age, but just the contrary in the case of Dr. King's New Life Pills. They cut off maladies no matter how severe and irrespective of old age. Dyspepsia, Jaundice, Fever, Constipation all yield to this perfect pill. 25c at all drug stores.

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L. A. HARRIS

SOU. RAILWAY SCHEDULE.

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SOUTHBOUND.													
Train No.	25	Lv	Charlotte	6.25	p.	Ar	Fort Mill	7.30	p.	Ar	Chester	8.30	
"	27	"	"	6.05	a.	"	"	"	6.46	a.	"	Cola.	10.15
"	29	"	"	10.05	p.	"	"	"	10.35	p.	"	"	1.25
"	33	"	"	9.25	a.	"	"	"	10.07	a.	"	"	12.45
NORTHBOUND.													
Train No.	26	Lv	Chester	10.00	a.	Ar	Fort Mill	2.18	p.	Ar	Charlotte	3.20	
"	28	"	Cola.	3.10	p.	"	"	"	6.35	p.	"	"	7.10
"	30	"	"	6.10	a.	"	"	"	9.13	a.	"	"	9.50
"	34	"	"	5.15	p.	"	"	"	7.30	p.	"	"	8.03

Note—Fort Mill is a regular stopping point for all the above trains, except Nos. 29, 33 and 34, which stop on flag. Nos. 25 and 26 do not run Sundays.

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Don't worry thinking of something when a book is always acceptable. Some of these are regular \$1.50 editions, others are little cheaper paper and binding. You had better pick some out for Xmas at these prices.

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TRESPASS NOTICE.

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Thos. F. McDow. E. Earle Thornwell. W. W. Lewis. McDOW, LEWIS & THORNWELL, Attorneys at Law, Yorkville, S. C. Practice in the State and U. S. courts. Our Mr. E. E. Thornwell will be in our office in Fort Mill on Saturday of each week to attend to any business entrusted to us. 3m

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